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DMAC Steering Team and Expert Teams,

Let me first thank you for your continued participation on the DMAC Steering Team and Expert Teams. Your support of this process in addition to your regular duties is heroic and IOOS will succeed because of it.

Time is a luxury not many of us have these days and the DMAC Standards web support tool was designed to make this process more efficient. The website can be found at the following URL <http://ioosdmac.fedworx.org>. A simple registration step is required which will generate an email to you with your username and password within 24 hours. You may also log in as a guest to explore the site. I would request that all Team members and Caucus members register at their earliest convenience.

The website allows for electronic submission of a standard, tracking of the standard through the process, private threaded discussions among Steering Team and Expert Team members to facilitate polling through the 3 tier process (Submitted – Proposed – Recommended), an action item listing and a calendar.

I will send out additional notice later this week about a website orientation package and live on-line training to be held October 8-13, 2007. This will also be our opportunity to ask questions about the process and other concerns you may have.

This initial round of an ongoing process will be challenging and problems will arise. We have taken steps to minimize these occurrences and believe we have addressed the detail necessary to make this process executable.

I once again applaud your support and look forward to speaking with you next week.

Sincerely,

Anne O'Donnell Ball
Chair, DMAC Steering Team

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